

REMARKS

The rejection of Claims 1-7 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by WO 95/12623 (Hentges et al), is respectfully traversed.

Hentges et al is drawn to hydrogenated hydrocarbon resins, methods of preparation and uses as tackifiers for adhesive compositions comprising polar-group containing copolymers, particularly acrylic copolymers (page 1, lines 5-7), which hydrogenated hydrocarbon resins have a ring and ball softening point of from 40°C to about 120°C (page 2, lines 34-35). While Hentges et al does not disclose a particular softening point range for their resin prior to hydrogenation, it is noted that all of the examples therein, i.e., Resin Examples A through E, have softening points from 88°C to 112°C prior to hydrogenating. See Table II (page 11). Nor does Hentges et al disclose or suggest the presently-recited hydrogenated copolymer, i.e., a hydrogenated copolymer of cyclopentadiene and/or dicyclopentadiene with a vinyl-substituted aromatic compound. While Hentges et al discloses dicyclopentadiene *per se*, it is as a typical chain transfer agent, not as a monomer in the preparation of a copolymer. See Table IB at page 10.

For all the above reasons, it is respectfully requested that this rejection be withdrawn.

The rejection of Claims 1 and 3 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as indefinite, is respectfully traversed. There are **no** conflicting limitation ranges for softening points. It is clear that the 45 to 55°C range is for the copolymer prior to its being hydrogenated; and the range of 85 to 95°C is for the hydrogenated copolymer. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that this rejection be withdrawn.

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All of the presently-pending claims in this application are now believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

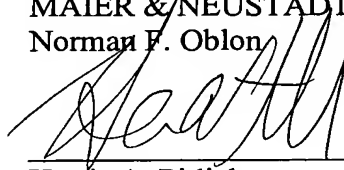
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